



## **VIOLATOR / VIOLATOR AFTERCARE PROGRAM**

### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

In February of 1993, the Iowa Department of Corrections established two (2) Violator Programs. A thirty (30) bed female facility is located at the Iowa Corrections Institution for Women (ICIW) in Mitchellville and an eighty (80) bed male facility is located at the Newton Correctional Facility (NCF) at Newton. These four- (4) to six - (6) month intensive cognitive-behavioral programs are for probation, parole and work release offenders who have continued to violate the conditions of their supervision and for whom community resources have been exhausted.

In July of 2001, up to one hundred fifty (150) male beds at the RIVERS (Redirecting Individuals, Values, Energy, Relationships and Skills) program located at the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility (FDCF) at Fort Dodge were added for Violator Program participants. The RIVERS program is a highly structured four- (4) to six- (6) month program focusing on young offenders and is also utilized for probation, parole and work release offenders, under the age of 25, who have continued to violate the conditions of their supervision and for whom community resources have been extensively utilized.

After completion of the Violator Program, offenders return to community supervision following a transition plan coordinated by the offender, institution and community corrections staff. A component of this plan includes continuing care programming provided by the Violator Aftercare Program, augmented by specialized treatment agencies within local communities.

### **THE VISION OF THE VIOLATOR / VIOLATOR AFTERCARE PROGRAMS**

To facilitate change in an offender's thinking and behavior, which will ultimately positively impact the offender, his/her family and the community.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Violator Program  
is a  
risk/needs based diversion program  
which includes a  
continuum of care for high risk offenders,  
providing  
individualized, intensive, collaborative  
and holistic interventions  
to reduce crime and victimization.

### Violator Program Summary Report FY'02

Active at Start of Fiscal Year	New Admissions	Closures	Active at End of Fiscal Year	Total Served
94	340	248	186	434

### Violator Aftercare Program Summary Report FY'02

Active at Start of Fiscal Year	New Admissions	Closures (142)				Active at End of Fiscal Year	Total Served
		Successful	* Unsuccessful	** Administrative	Unknown		
95	170	82 (57.75%)	40 (28.17%)	19 (13.38%)	1 (.7%)	123	265

\* Of the 40 offenders (28%) that unsuccessfully completed the Violator Aftercare Program, only 12 offenders or 8% of the total program participants, were revoked. The remainder were sanctioned with residential or jail placement, were removed from programming due to behavioral issues or absconded/escaped.

\*\* Reasons for an Administrative Closure include: Case Manager discretion, the sentence was discharged or terminated, a transfer to a different location or alternative intervention.

In order to complete a formalized evaluation process (process, outcome and cost/benefit analysis), as previously recommended by the Department of Justice, additional resources would be needed. Limited resources and lack of program evaluation expertise prohibit the Department from completing an in-depth research evaluation of this magnitude. Additionally, an evaluation would allow for the ability to enhance those components that show an impact on reducing recidivism and future victimization, as well as, eliminate those components that have limited impact. Without an evaluation of this depth, program change cannot be completed thoughtfully. Resources outside of the Department of Corrections has stated that costs for each evaluation could run between \$50,000 and \$100,000, dependent upon the scope of the evaluation.